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AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA JANUARY 9 CARRY AS LEAD STORIES WITH
PHOTOS DESCRIPTION OF SIT-IN BY 250 LIBYAN STUDENTS
STUDYING IN EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. REPORTEDLY STUDENTS PROTESTED
AT LIBYAN RELATIONS OFFICE IN AIRO WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS
"SHAJARA SQUARE MASSACRE" IN BENGHAZI LAST SUNDAY IN WHICH
SEVEN WERE SUPPOSEDLY KILLED AND OVER 30 WOUNDED. STUDENTS
ARE QUOTED AS SAYING BENGHAZI STUDENTS, AFTER BEING ATTACKED
BY MILITARY POLICE, MARCHED ON THE ASU BUILDING AND
SET IT ON FIRE. VICTIMS ARE TO BE CALLED "JANUARY MARTYRS"
AS WERE VICTIMS OF "EARLIER KILLING OF THREE SECONDARY SCHOOL
BOYS." PAPERS ALSO QUOTED LIBYAN SOURCES AS SAYING BENGHAZI
UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED AND THE ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT TRIPOLI
UNIVERSITY HAVE BEGUN STI-IN THERE.
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